Raising of the eligibility limit for ad-hoc bonus to Central Government Employees

*110. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enhance the eligibility limit for the grant of ad-hoc bonus to Central Government employees from the existing Rs. 2500/- to Rs. 3500/- to enable more employees to get the benefit;

(b) if so, by when Government propose to take a final decision in the matter; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) In view of the magnitude of expenditure involved and the likely repercussions in the case of Productivity-Linked Bonus scheme, applicable in government departments as also in the public and private sectors, it has been decided not to raise the eligibility limit of Rs. 2500/- applicable in terms of ad hoc bonus orders.

Rules regarding foreigners' visit to Punjab

*111. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules regarding foreigners visiting Punjab and what precautions are taken for allowing foreigners to visit Punjab; and

(b) how many foreigners will be visiting Punjab, and for how long, in connection with the Punjab Agro Pepsi Project?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Punjab has been declared as restricted area under Foreigners (Restricted Areas) Order, 1963. Foreigners are required to obtain restricted area permits issued by the prescribed authorities, before entering Punjab. Permits are issued on the merits and justification of each case.

(b) It is not possible to project the number of foreigners and the duration of their visits to Punjab connected with Punjab Agro Pepsi Project.

Assent to Kerala Public Men's Corruption (Investigations and Inquiries) Bill

*112. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Kerala Public Men's Corruption (Investigations & Inquiries) Bill, as passed by Kerala Legislative Assembly on the 13th December, 1987 is awaiting assent by the President; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not giving assent thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The Kerala Public Men's Corruption (Investigations and Inquiries) Bill, 1987 has been accorded Presidential assent on 15th November, 1988.

(b) Does not arise.

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*113. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान राष्ट्रीय आय की दर के सम्बन्ध में भारतीय